

Swimming in the stream of history... Great events Shaping individual lives

I will focus on three separate epochal events the anniversary of which I covered: The 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima ... The 70th anniversary of the partition of the Indian subcontinent ... and 75th anniversary of a little known war crime in the form of sexual enslavement of women by Japanese imperial troops during World War II.

Each in its own way has rearranged the world order and each has resonance today 80 years on. The bombing of Hiroshima raises ethical questions today that 85 years ago were barely considered. That act to avoid a land invasion of Japan unleashed a global arms race and the Cold War that we contend with today, potentially turning tensions in the Middle East, Ukraine, and in the Taiwan Straits into a nuclear conflagration. Today the modern states of Pakistan and India, the result of the Indian continent's partition, are both nuclear armed states that sit side by side in enmity, facing off from time to time over Kashmir. The subjugation of women by Japanese troops during World War II reverberates today with the surviving victims still battling for justice. Their ongoing struggle has breathed life into the movement to codify the militarization of sexual assault in wartime as a war crime.

Thus, the past embodied in these three events impinges on the present and continues to shape our modern world. Each was in itself an upheaval that affected a great mass of humanity. Fundamentally though they are made up of highly personal and individualized stories. And it is through the lives of remarkable individuals who shared their ordeals that we can begin to understand the significance of living through such harrowing times.

Friday, March 14, 2025
1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid class: Online thru Yuja and In-person at Tallent Hall, **Room 182**



ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: Julie M. McCarthy has worn many hats as a seasoned international correspondent, editor, and broadcast leader in a journey that has taken me around the world. I have been fortunate to circumnavigate the globe, reporting from five continents, covering everything from daily life to armed conflicts to sports and show business.

My academic background includes Bachelor's Degrees in History and in English Literature/Letters from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Law degree from Antioch University. I studied Japanese at Middlebury College in Vermont. I was honored with a Fellowship at Stanford University and an Honorary Doctorate from

Carthage College. A Fellowship at East-West Center in Honolulu helped launch my career overseas in Asia. Please see the next page for Ms. McCarthy's complete biography.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO (NPR)

International Correspondent, Manila Bureau Chief

(2018-2023)

- Managed the Manila Bureau, covering Southeast Asia including Hong Kong and the crushing of its pro-democracy movement.
- Reported and produced daily news and award-winning in-depth features for NPR's news magazine shows and Digital Media, augmenting coverage of China and the deepening conflict over the South China Sea involving ASEAN, Washington, and Beijing.
- Widely reported on the Philippines' anti-drug war and its assault on human rights.
- Covered natural disasters from volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and climate-change-driven typhoons that characterize the "Pacific Ring of Fire."
- Examined the global status of women, and asymmetric conflict in the Philippines.

New Delhi Bureau Chief

(2012-2018)

- Managed the five-person New Delhi bureau, producing coverage of India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, and Bhutan, identifying social trends and developing new talent.
- Reported and wrote extensively on key issues of caste, Hindu nationalism, the status and sexual discrimination of women, India-China border skirmishes and the rising Indo-Chinese tensions.
- Collaborated with NPR's magazine shows, digital media, and social media to produce stories across all platforms.

Islamabad Bureau Chief

(2009-2012)

- Established NPR's first full-time bureau in Pakistan.
- Hired and managed editorial and logistics staff of five; vetted and selected round-the-clock security team.
- Produced distinguished and award-winning daily and in-depth coverage of the war with the Pakistan Taliban, the historic Floods of 2010, and the capture of Osama bin Laden in 2011.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO (NPR)

International Correspondent: Previously ran bureaus in Tokyo, London, Jerusalem, and Rio de Janeiro, and edited and reported from Washington, D.C.